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Former Dean of Nursing passes away



SIAST received news that Diana Davidson Dick passed away yesterday. Her memorial service will be held in Wellington, Ontario.

As the first incumbent in the newly created position, Diana provided strategic leadership as Dean of Nursing at SIAST from 1998 - 2005. With her courage and determination, she led the Nursing Division through transformative initiatives. Diana provided leadership in maintaining the baccalaureate as entry to practice in Saskatchewan. She collaborated in the design and implementation of new programs or program expansions. She promoted the advancement of increased participation of First Nations and Aboriginal people in post-secondary education. With her commitment to advancing faculty scholarship, she implemented the first

Scholar in Residence program (2004-2006) in the college system in Canada in conjunction with the launch of three interrelated scholarship projects related to mentorship, best practice and patient safety. With her leadership, the systems approach to patient safety initiative was launched, which has been recognized as a leader across the country.

Diana's contribution to nursing education was recognized by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing with the presentation of the prestigious Ethel Johns Award in November 2006. Diana was recognized for her work within CASN to promote the restructuring and name change reflective of the partnerships of contemporary nursing education systems, her contribution to baccalaureate nursing education in Saskatchewan, and her innovative leadership of the SIAST Nursing Division.

Diana leaves a rich legacy of innovative leadership and advancement of nursing education in Saskatchewan.